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Honorable J. Kenneth Robinson  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Prior to the recess for congressional elections, the Senate passed S. 2552, the intelligence personnel protection legislation the Intelligence Community has sought for some time. The measure is currently awaiting action by the House Judiciary Committee.

The intelligence personnel protection legislation provides federal criminal penalties for violent attacks on United States intelligence personnel engaged in the performance of official duties, aliens admitted to permanent residence in the United States under the CIA Act of 1949, and foreign visitors temporarily in the United States under Intelligence Community auspices in furtherance of U.S. intelligence objectives. Under S. 2552 the Federal Government can bring its existing law enforcement resources to bear against acts of violence which interfere with the mission of the Intelligence Community.

As you may recall from the first session of this Congress, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1982, S. 1127, contained intelligence personnel protection provisions, but they were deleted in conference at the request of the House conferees to allow the House Judiciary Committee an opportunity to give full consideration to them. Chairman Boland introduced these provisions as separate legislation, H.R. 4940, the companion bill to S. 2552.

The Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime has scheduled a hearing on the legislation for 1 December, and I have written to Chairman Rodino, and to the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee, Congressman Sawyer, among others, to ask for expeditious handling of S. 2552 so that final enactment of the measure can be achieved in the time remaining in this Congress. I would appreciate very greatly any help you may be able to give us in this regard.

Sincerely,

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